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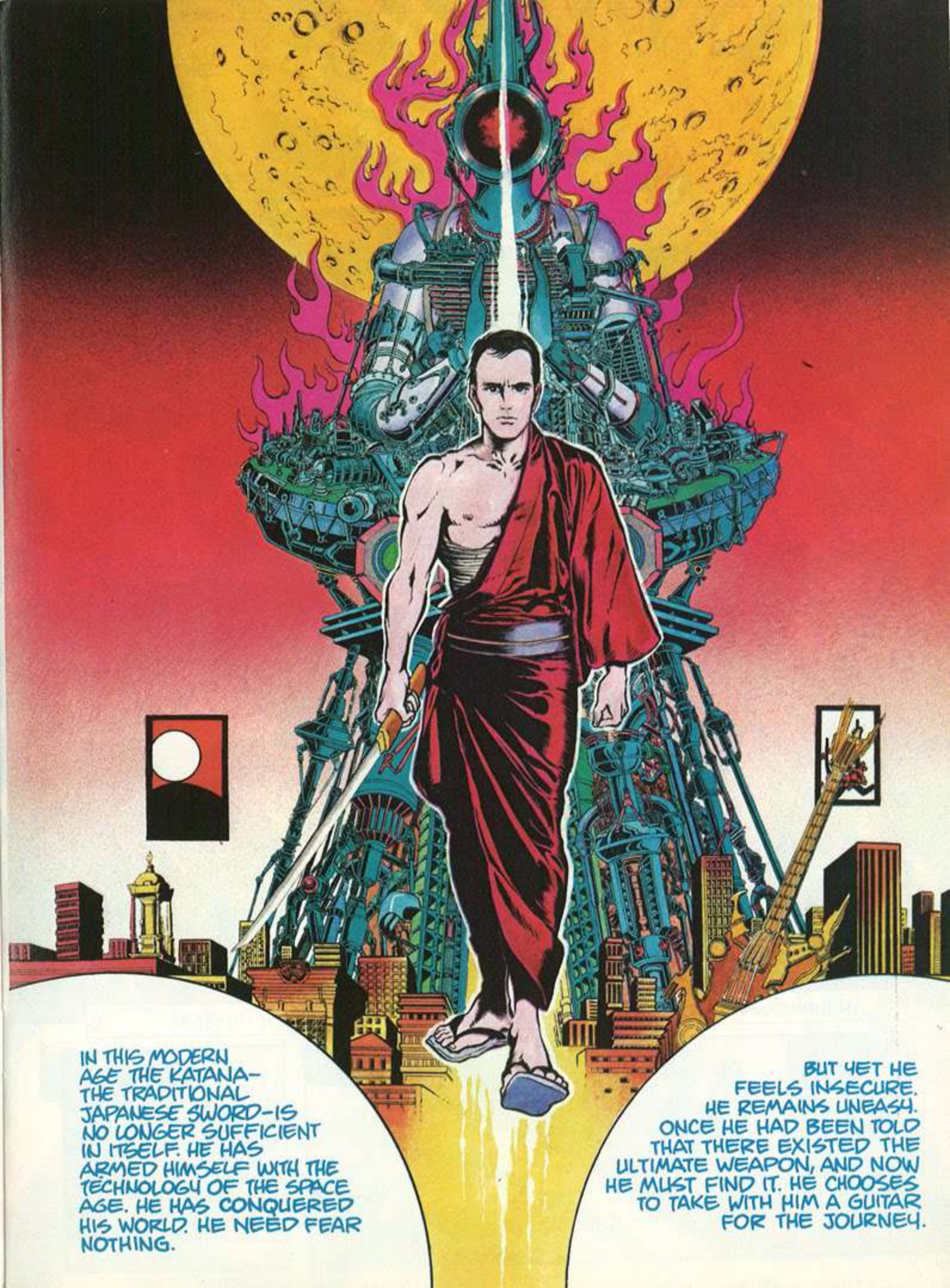
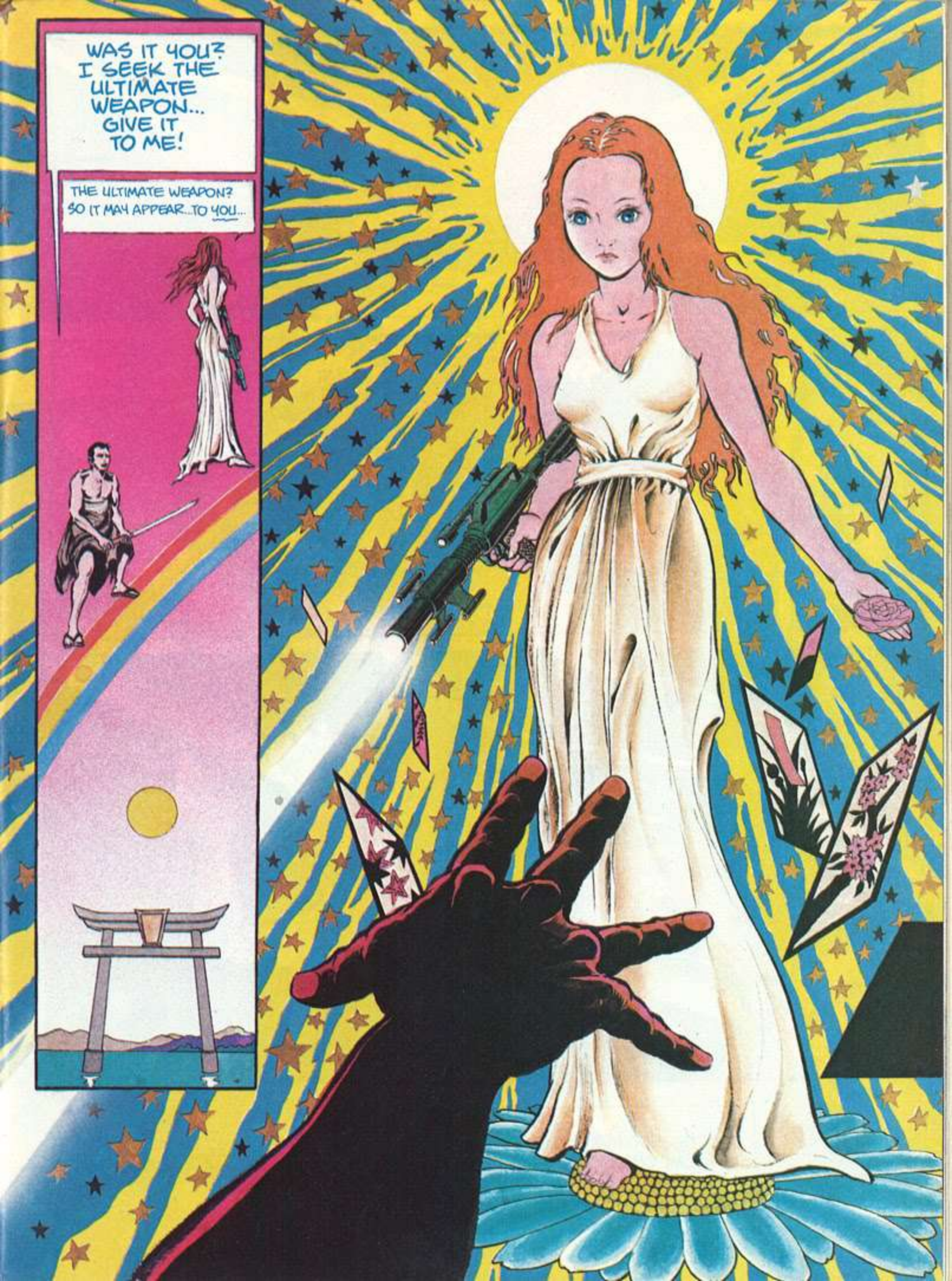
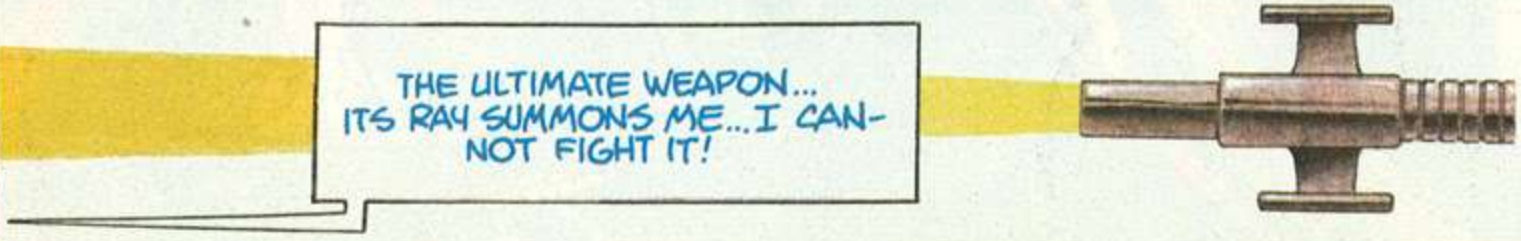
HE IS THE LEADER OF THE YAKUZA—INVINCIBLE. THERE IS NO FUNERAL FOR A MAN WHO IS WITHOUT COURAGE.
By Shinobu Kaze

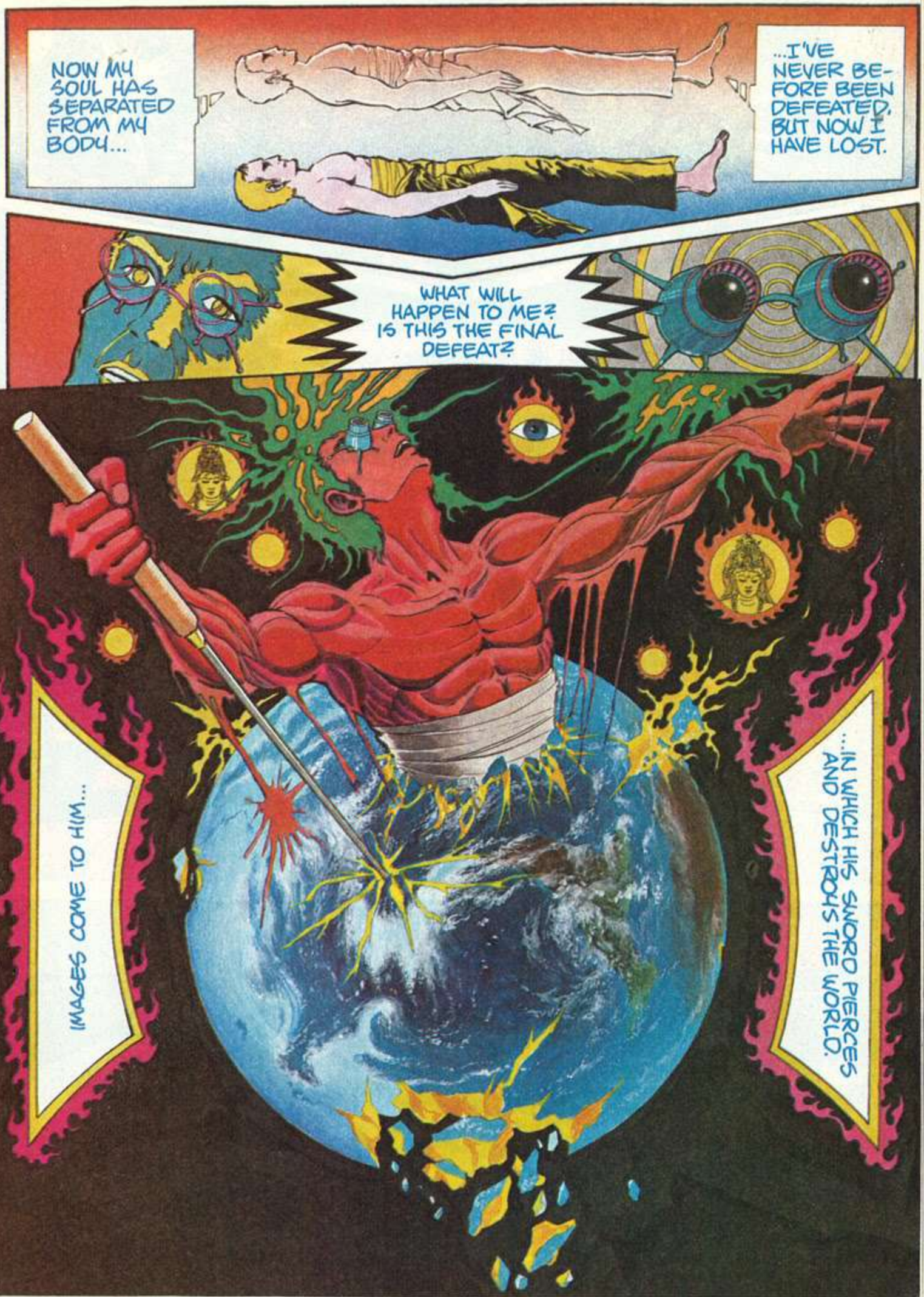

IN THIS MODERN AGE THE KATANA- THE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SWORD-IS NO LONGER SUFFICIENT IN ITSELF. HE HAS ARMED HIMSELF WITH THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE SPACE AGE. HE HAS CONQUERED HIS WORLD. HE NEED FEAR NOTHING.
BUT YET HE FEELS INSECURE. HE REMAINS UNEASY. ONCE HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THERE EXISTED THE ULTIMATE WEAPON, AND NOW HE MUST FIND IT. HE CHOOSES TO TAKE WITH HIM A GUITAR FOR THE JOURNEY.

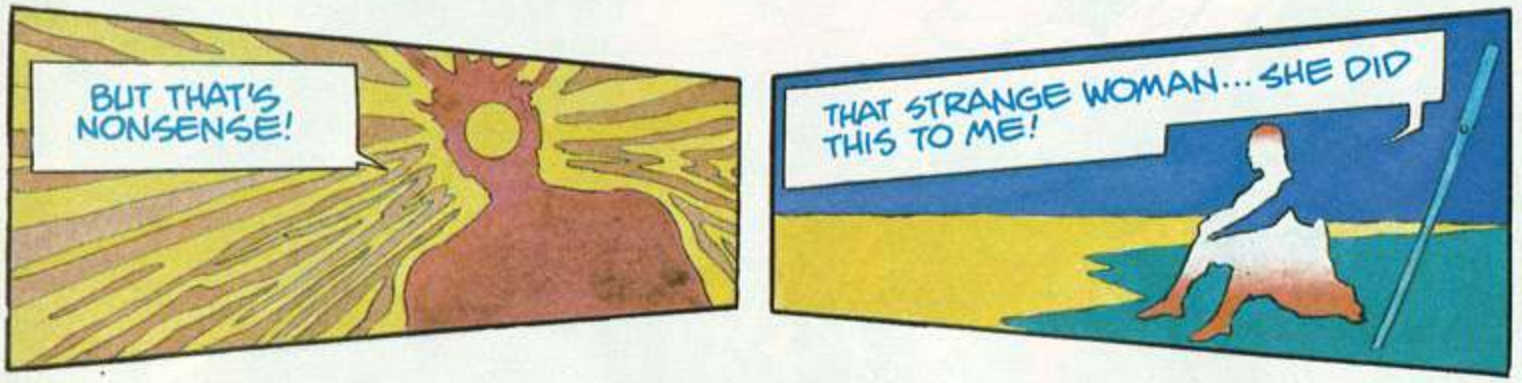
I MUST FIND REST FOR MY SOUL...
THAT VOICE... IN MY MIND! WHO...?
AN UNKNOWN VOICE ECHOES IN HIS HEAD, COMMANDING HIM TO LISTEN...


WAS IT YOU? I SEEK THE ULTIMATE WEAPON... GIVE IT TO ME!
THE ULTIMATE WEAPON? SO IT MAY APPEAR...TO YOU...

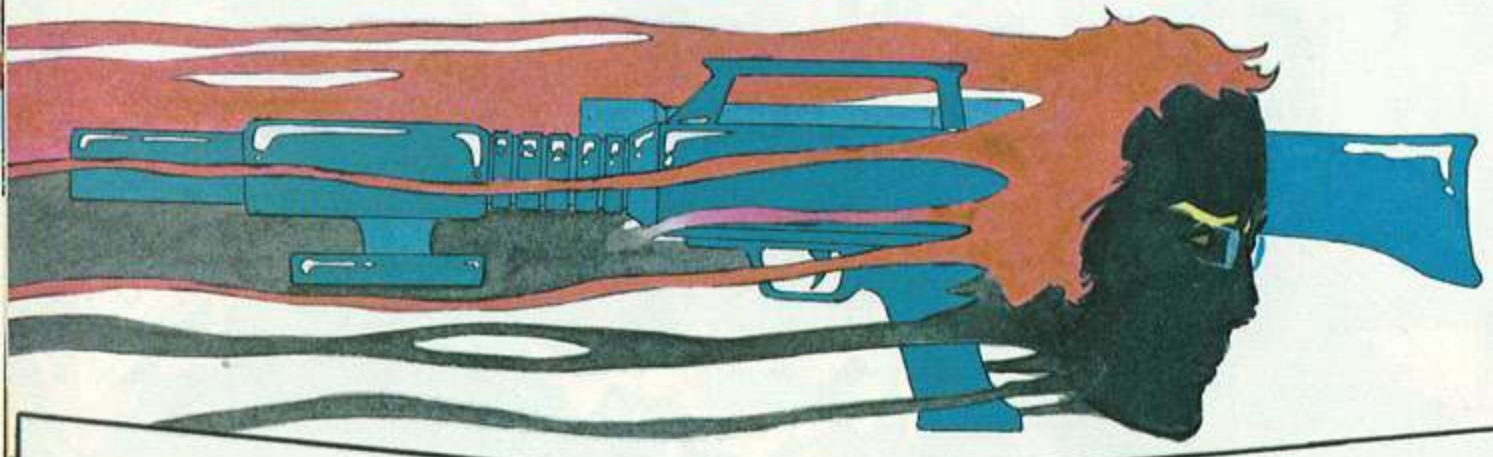
WHAT... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? MY SOUL, MY VERY SELF.. I AM LEAVING MY BODY...!


THE ULTIMATE WEAPON... ITS RAY SUMMONS ME... I CANNOT FIGHT IT!

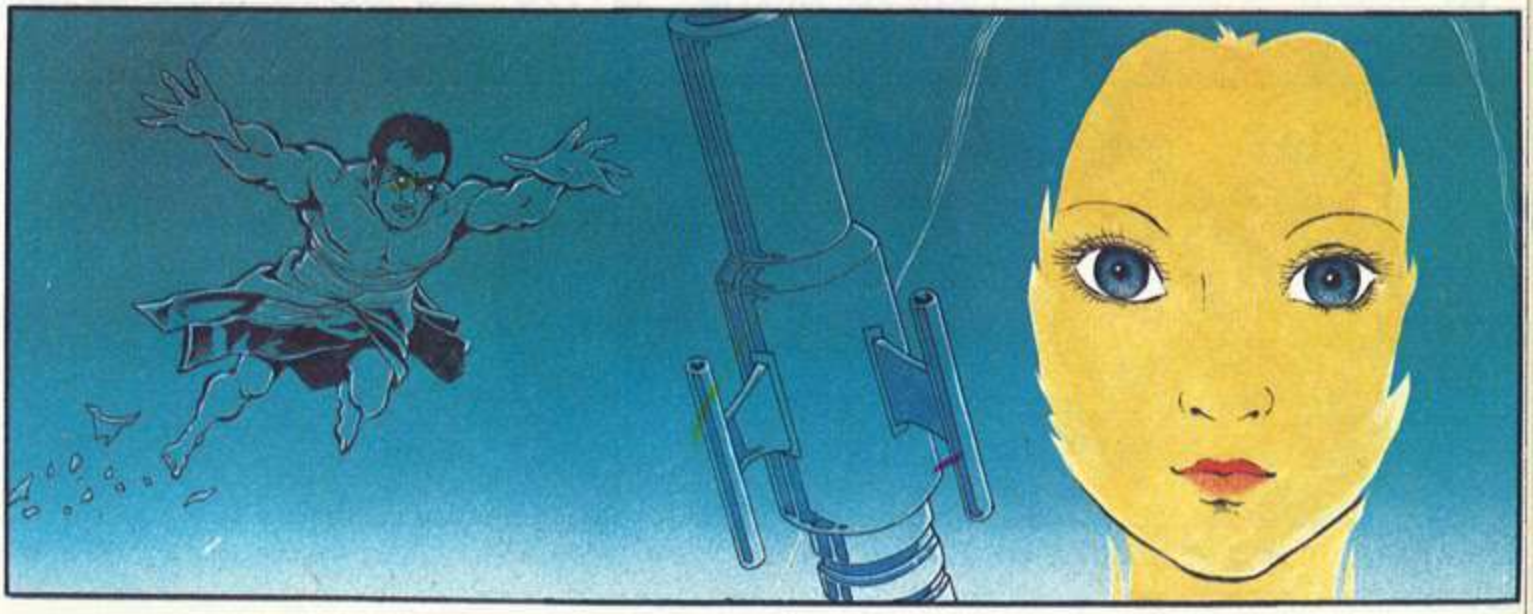

NOW MY SOUL HAS SEPARATED FROM MY BODY...
...I'VE NEVER BEFORE BEEN DEFEATED. BUT NOW I HAVE LOST.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME? IS THIS THE FINAL DEFEAT?
IMAGES COME TO HIM...
...IN WHICH HIS SWORD PIERCES AND DESTROYS THE WORLD.

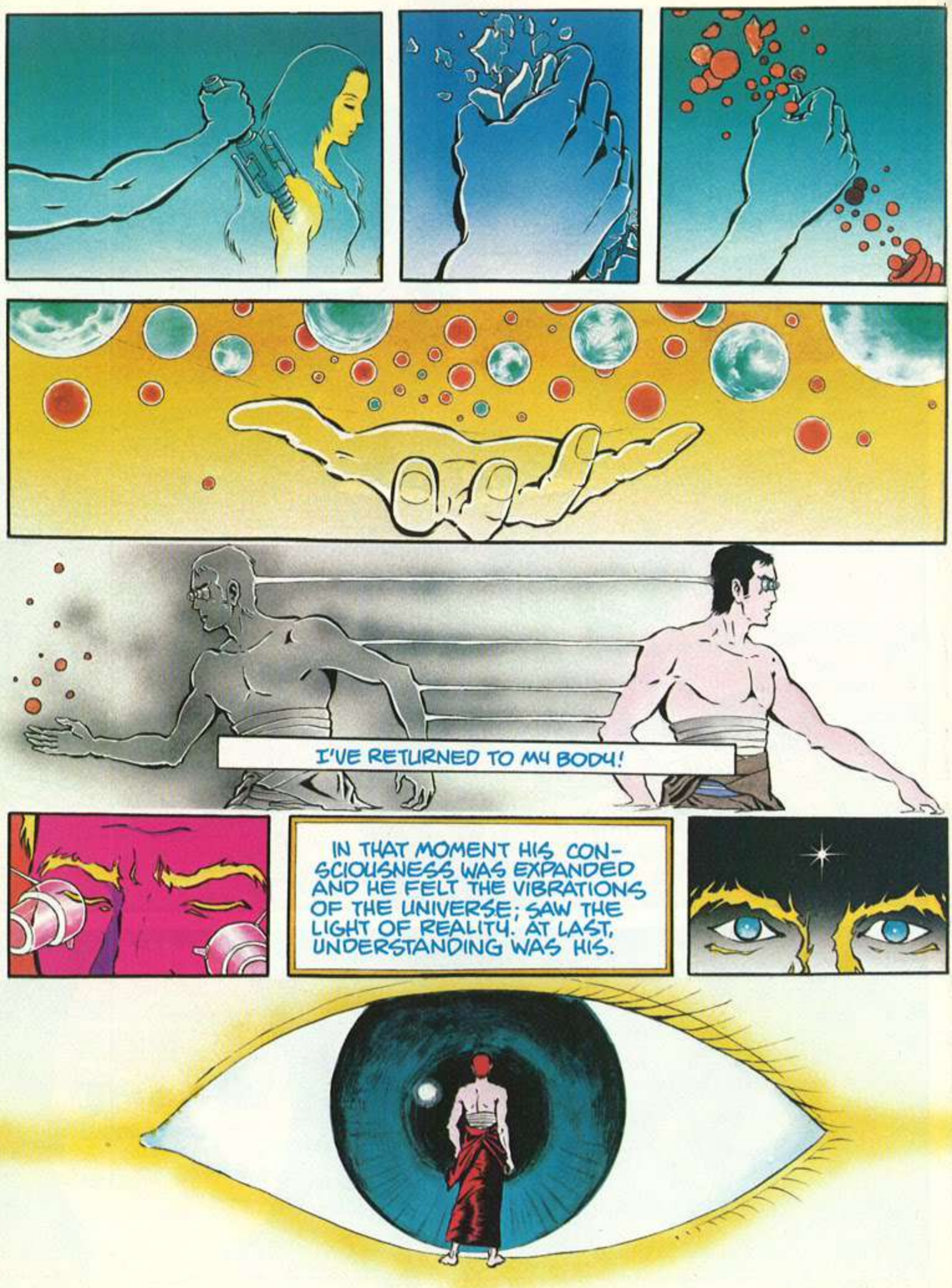


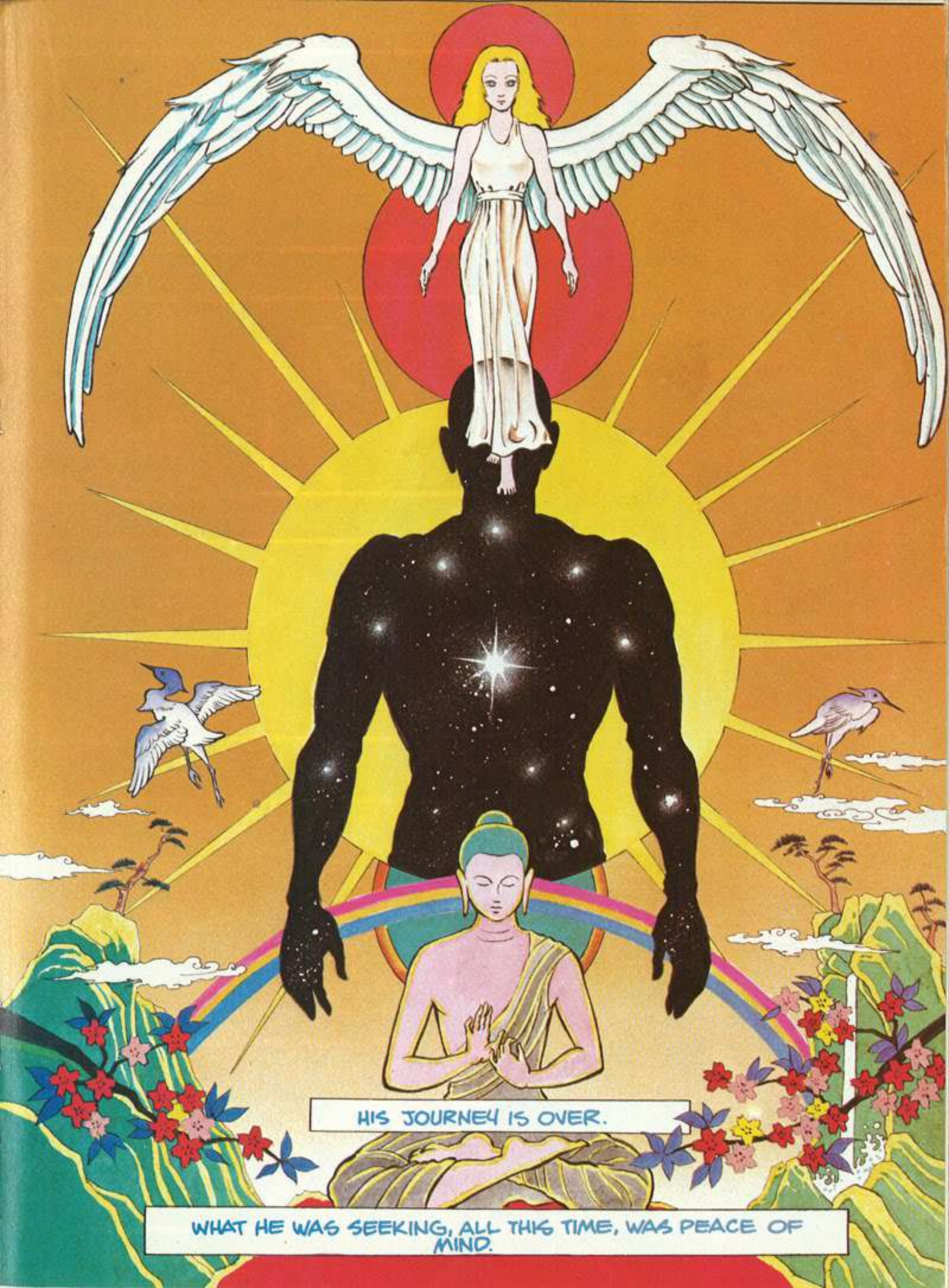
IF I CAN ONLY GET THE ULTIMATE WEAPON...THEN I WILL FEAR NOTHING!



...HE LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS...




I'VE RETURNED TO MY BODY!
IN THAT MOMENT HIS CONSCIOUSNESS WAS EXPANDED AND HE FELT THE VIBRATIONS OF THE UNIVERSE; SAW THE LIGHT OF REALITY. AT LAST, UNDERSTANDING WAS HIS.


HIS JOURNEY IS OVER.
WHAT HE WAS SEEKING, ALL THIS TIME, WAS PEACE OF MIND.